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Mr. Howland Wood,

c/o American Numismatic Society,

Broadway & 156th St.,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I want to take this opportunity on my return to Boston to express to you and your librarian my great appreciation of your courtesy when I called at the museum one week ago. You were both extremely kind to me as a stranger, and I want to assure you that it meant something to me.

As I intimated to you, I am to be in our New York office on and after March 1st, and I hope, therefore, to have the pleasure of being more closely in touch with you.

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

SP/C

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Boston, February 18, *192* 8

Mr. Howland Wood
c/o American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Let me appeal to you for a little help in a heraldic question. There are two of the sub-quarterings in a coat of arms of Denmark in the late sixteenth century which I cannot account for.

I was drawn into the question by a friend who has a beautiful old woodcut in which the shield appears (more or less colored). I enclose a rough sketch of the two items which are in non-heraldic language to be described as, first, what appears to be a paschal lamb walking left with a banner held over his shoulder by one of his forelegs. Second, a crowned fish upright on a blue field. Both are vaguely familar but although I seem to have remembered seeing the lamb on some old Nuremberg city coins while the fish seems to make me think of Scandanavia, I cannot place either definitely. I enclose stamped envelope for your reply in case you are able to help me and I certainly appreciate your kindness in any case.

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, February 21, *1928*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I want to thank you very much for the courtesy of sending me the information I just asked about.

I felt very confident that you could supply it quite as promptly as you did.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Stephen Pond

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, August 21, *1928*

Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed please find your B. N. S. 1928 membership card which has just been printed in accordance with the instructions of the president. Similar cards will be issued yearly hereafter.

Recently I sent you copy of the 1928 society booklet which was printed by vote of the society, and I trust you received it safely.

Yours very truly,

Shubael Pond

Secretary.

5th Sept., 1928

Mr. Shepard Pond, Secretary,
Boston Numismatic Society,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

On my return from my vacation I note that you have sent me the Boston Numismatic Society's booklet together with a membership card. I wish to congratulate you on the nice appearance of this little brochure, which I have read with much interest.

Very truly yours,

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Office of the Secretary
258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Dear Mr. Wood -

Boston, Oct 31 1928

Have you in your library Forrer's "Biog. Dict. of Medallists" I have not got it and would like to impose on you for a little help. For some months I have been slowly gathering data (hard to get, too!) on "The Coinage of Henry V of France" - the Count of Chambord as you of course know.

(1) A correspondent, Mr. Deacon of Australia, brought to my attention the initials G.C. on the 1831 5 fc silver piece of "Henry V". They appear at edge of his coat, over heart, youthful bust facing left, wearing (I take it) the badge of the "Holy Ghost." I should have noticed initials earlier as I have the piece.

But - initial do not appear on same piece of 1832 of which I have (1) plain edge - (2) pieforte - (3) incuse edge.

Question - who was "G.C."? - his identity might establish that piece as either contemporaneous or of later striking (and engraving). Where was piece struck?

(2) Also on a 50 centimes piece, silver) 1858, obverse, bearded ("imperial" type of beard) head facing right, which I have there is the name SPERI under bust.

Question - who was SPERI? Where was piece struck?

(3) Also on a 5 fcs silver piece 1871, obverse bearded (full beard) head there is, under bust CAPEL. F.

Question - who was CAPEL? etc?

(over)

I am rather ashamed to come down upon you with these questions but know the willing courtesy you all possess at the museum and I am really curious to learn all I can about where and how these, and other much, coins originated.

Many thanks for the information if you can supply it, or any of it, and just as many if you can't.

Shepard Pond

P.S. Did you know he always spelled his name HENRY as did Henry of Navarre (IV) his ancestor instead of Henri - A good example of Bourbonism! This on the authority of the English writer E A Vizetelly in "In Seven Lands." Vizetelly attended the funeral of the Count of Chambord at Goritza.

Also note the 1831 and 1832 pieces spell the name HENRI. The poor child wasn't old enough to have dug up his family history and had his own say if those pieces were of that epoch or if they were as some (Paul Bordeaux) say the work of a Belgian in the 1880's then "some one blundered", - meanwhile the 1871-5 fc piece says HENRY. This I fancy is probably of that epoch as we all know the extreme hopes he had of regaining (or should I say "gaining") the throne after the Commune.

SP

Best regards to Noé.

5th November, 1928

Mr. Shepard Pond,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

This is all I have been able to find on the subject about which you wrote me:

'G.C.' undoubtedly is Giuseppe Cerbara, a coin and medal engraver who worked in Rome between 1820 and 1850.

Capel, whose first name is not mentioned by Forrer, was a Belgian engraver, who worked between 1870 and 1880. F. mentions that in 1824 he cut the dies for the 5-francepiece of Henry V, dated 1871.

I suppose you are familiar with the large 5-franc piece of 1873 engraved by J. Gessener, which was dedicated to the International Monetary Commission.

You might see if the Boston Public Library has the following, in three volumes: Cat. Anal. de Num. Francaise from 1789 to 1889, published in Paris, 1898-9. This book illustrates a number of the Henry V pieces, and gives about 25 dies with dates from 1830 to 1833. On all of these the name is spelt 'Henri' except one that has it 'Henricus'. Somewhere I found a note to the effect that the 1831 and 1832 pieces with G.C. on them were struck at London. So far as I have observed, the only piece with the name spelled Henry was that of 1858.

I have been unable to find out who 'Speri' was, or, if not a person, what it means.

Very truly yours,

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, November 12, *192* 8

Howland Wood, Esq.
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for yours of Nov. 5 and the information therein.

As a matter of fact I am not familiar with the 1873 "International" five franc piece.

I have in my own library the Dewamin work you mention and I am familiar with the page illustrating the coins of Henry V. Unfortunately as you know, these, not being French coins, are of course not described at all in this work and no history of them is given--the page having been inserted, I imagine, more as a curiosity as anything else.

Meanwhile thanks again for your kindness and with hopes of seeing you before long, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Stephen Pond

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Boston December 11, 1928

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed please find letter to me from a very good friend of mine, J. Steele Mitchell of Hayden, Stone & Company's New York office. Also copy of letter to Mitchell from one of his clients on the subject of Mexican currency. I have told Mitchell I am referring it to you although I added I doubted if there was anything to it. If you want to follow the matter up, just connect with him at Hayden, Stone & Co., New York City.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

12th December, 1928

Mr. Shepard Pond,
458 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond;

I will answer your friend, Mr. Mitchell, direct. The Carranza notes are absolutely worthless. The English bank note for £1 has no interest in this country, and I doubt if he would get much for it in England. I am writing your friend somewhat to that effect.

Very truly yours,

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, November 26, *192* 9

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 155th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I seem to have a remembrance that among the many things you have a knowledge of is that of "countermarks" and I am taking the liberty of asking if you have ever heard of the two following.

(1) French silver 5 fcs. with lauriated head of Napoleon countermarked with a bust of Louis XVIII facing left.

(2) French 20 fcs. gold, lauriated head of Napoleon I countermarked with a head of a tiger.

These have been offered me with remarks that they were countermarked by the Legitimists (Chouans) under the First Empire.

I have looked through my library and I think I have in it almost every work bearing on the French Revolution and Empire and I have not located the faintest mention of anything of the sort. I do know of 5 fcs. (also 5 lire) of Napoleon I stamped with the head of an owl--these are more or less familiar and you have doubtless seen them yourself. But I have not heard of any counter-stamped 20 fc. gold pieces of any sort nor have I heard of a counter-stamp of the bust of Louis XVIII.

The offering comes from a French dealer who ought to know what he is about--perhaps he knows all together too well what he is about!

Any information or surmises will be most gratefully received.

Very truly yours,

Shepard Pond

P. S. Is there any chance of that bust of Louis XVIII on the 5 fc. piece might be a counter-stamp of George III? Doesn't the latter counter-stamp appear on French and Spanish Crowns of that epoch?

No

November 27th 1929

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have never seen the two coins you ask about, and I too would tell the same story you have written me. I am familiar with various silver coins, chiefly five-franc pieces, with that peculiar head. That of a tiger would describe it as well as anything, but I never heard of it on a gold coin, though there is no reason why it could not have been stamped on gold as well as on silver. Whenever this stamping occurs, a chisel mark has effaced the eye of Napoleon. I have always understood this spiteful gesture was done by Royalists or Legitimists, but I should say after the fall of Napoleon. I never heard of a Napoleonic coin coming counterstamped with a head of Louis VIII. I also think it must have been a Bank of England counterstamp showing the head of George III. This counterstamping was supposed to be done only on Spanish silver, but as I have seen a U. S. dollar and some other foreign coins thus stamped, an occasional French piece could have been easily stamped the same way.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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Boston, November 29, *1929*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you extremely for your kind letter of November 27. Out of curiosity I am asking that those two French counterstamped pieces be sent on to me for inspection. Perhaps I may have something of interest for you later after I have examined them.

With kindest regards to Noe, believe me,

Very truly yours,

Stephen Pond

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Boston, January 7, 1930

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th Street
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Howland Wood.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose my check for annual dues.

I want to thank you very much for your nice Christmas card which reminds me that it is a long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you. If only I had not just had a fortnight's vacation I should try to make plans to come over this weekend for the annual meeting but it is rather hard to see how I can take off the necessary time from picking up the threads of work again here.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Shepard Pond

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Boston, April 22, *1930*

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

How are things going on and did you have a satisfactory meeting April 12th? I should have liked to be with you but as usual found it impossible to get away.

It would certainly be a real pleasure if you were able to be with us this Friday evening as our old member and ex-president, Mr. Gifford is going to read a paper on the "Laurels of Peace and War". I understand it will cover awards, medals, etc., of various kinds. Also we expect to have Schulman from Amsterdam as a guest. He has been in New York recently and I imagine you may have seen him.

However, my point in writing is to pick up again our correspondence of Nov. 26th and 27th, 1929. You will remember at that time I asked you if you had ever seen certain French countermarked coins, The tide seems to be coming in strongly now for since November I have been offered from London, Paris and Amsterdam the various following pieces.

Nap. I. 20 fcs. 1809. This type offered me twice counter-stamped with "head of cat", also "head of tiger." The difference between the animals is merely the different dealers artistic appreciation of the counterstamps. This is not the "owl's head" with Napoleon's eye punched out.

Nap. I 20 fcs. 1813 with "head of cat."

Louis XVIII 20 fcs. stamped with "head of Nap. I."

First Rep. 6 livres 1793 "head of Henry IV".

Louis XVI ecu. 1790 "head of Nap. I."

Nap. I 5 fcs. 1811 "head of Louis XVIII".

Marie Louise (Parma) 5 lire 1815 "head of NapI"

Louis Phillipe 5 fcs. 1834 "head of Henry V", the Pretender.

Now up to Nov. 1st, 1929 with all the interest I have taken in and study I have put on this period I have never, to my remembrance, run across a single counterstamped coin such as any of the above. Who is doing it and why? Don't you suppose that on the other side there must be a "source" for these just as there was up at Brussells around 1880

to 1830, for the "5 franc pieces" of Henry V, Leo XIII, Gambetta, Thiers, etc.

Was some enterprising person got hold of an engraver, procured the counterstamping dies and "started in business"?

The gold pieces are being offered at approximately $12.00 to $16.00 each and silver pieces $9.00 to $12.00 each. None of them are intrinsically rare, you know, and if a sufficient number could be marketed, there ought to be a handsome margin to take care of the cost of the dies.

As a matter of fact the little heads, each perhaps a quarter inch high, are fairly well cut and recognizable. If you have any information or thoughts on the subject I should certainly be very glad to hear from you.

With best regards to Noe,

Yours very truly,

Stephen Pond

April 25, 1930

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am very glad to hear from you and am much interested in the questions you have propounded. I am afraid I cannot be with you this evening as I was away in Philadelphia last week end and will be away next week end.

Outside of those pieces with the head of the cat (though some call it an owl) I distrust all the other coins. These cat pieces come only under coins of Napoleon and invariably his eye is obliterated by a chisel mark. I have traced back the cataloguing and mentioning of these for thirty-five years and I have never heard of any of the other pieces; nor, in a hurried search to-day could I find any reference to them. Can you, after you have seen the pieces, come to any conclusion as to whether all of these heads show enough similarity of workmanship to make you think they were done by the same person? If so, this fact alone would bar them all.

I trust these few remarks will help you.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, April 26, 1930

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks very much for your reply regarding the various counter-stamped pieces. I am glad to get your thoughts on them although not conclusive.

Several of these pieces are at the moment in the possession of Schulman, the Amsterdam dealer who is today in New York and I think plans to sail May 2nd for Holland.

If you are enough interested to try to get a look at them, I think you will agree with me that the engraving of the counterstamping dies looks like the work of the same individual. Of course you must appreciate I am far from an authority on such a point and know nothing of the engraving technique. But the fact, as I wrote you before, that such a wonderful variety of them has come on the market so suddenly--to be absolutely exact I should say, has come to my attention so suddenly--that I could not help being suspicious that they are modern freaks.

As Schulman was offering his pieces for sale, I did not bring the question up to him at all and he knows nothing of my thoughts or this correspondence. Possibly I should have asked him and I certainly do not intend to convey in any way whatever the thought that he attempted to put anything over for my relations with him have been very pleasant over a period of years. As a matter of fact I did not examine the coins in his presence; nor did he make any representations about them.

Then, too, you will remember I have seen similar ones offered from London and from Paris.

The die of the "cat" is absolutely different from and much smaller than the wellknown owl counterstamp in which the eye of Napoleon was deliberately punched out with a little instrument. The latter I have always understood were authentically old pieces--the counterstamping often attributed to the Chouans or Vendeans of anti-Bonapartist sympathies. And, too, this broad owl counterstamping has appeared, I think, on both 5 franc and 5 lire pieces of Napoleon I.

Get a look at Schulman's pieces if you can--without prejudice of course.

Confidentially yours,

Howland Wood

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Boston, August 13, *1930*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have just had a call from a young man named Guiseppe de Lellis who says he is just back from several years musical study in London where he has had a little dealings with B. A. Seaby, who gave him my name.

Mr. de Lellis has his future to make here in the musical world and therefore does not know where he will eventually take up residence and when he mentioned that he might go to New York, I took the liberty of giving him your name and that of Mr. Noe with the thought that he might care to look in at the Museum and see what you folks are doing there.

He is apparently a young collector, rather a beginner, and interested in English coinage. This, I imagine, a result of his recent residence in London. He says he is a native of Franklin, Mass. While I know nothing more about him than I am telling you in this letter, he seems to have a very pleasant personality and I shall hope to invite him to some of the fall meetings of the Boston Society if he is then in this vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Loud

August 19, 1930

Shepard Pond, Esq.
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have your letter concerning Mr. de Lellis whom we shall be glad to see whenever he comes, and we shall do our best to be of assistance to him in any possible way, and to make him welcome.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

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Boston, February 6, *1931*

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

In connection with the Massachusetts Tercentenary, there were issued in 1930 quite a number of tokens, medals, etc. I have been approached at the indirect instigation of Duffield of the "Numismatist" by a Boston man named Schuhmacher, who has got what I consider a pretty nearly complete collection of these pieces, and I have started making up a regular classified list of them.

My purpose in writing you is to inquire if any such pieces have come into your hands, for naturally I want the list to be as complete as possible --Duffield will publish it later on. If you have any such and could give me just a sketchy description of them, I could check against the list I am making and see if you have anything I did not know of.

My inclination would naturally be to give diameters in milli-meters --Duffield suggests inches. What would you suggest?

Of course I am also going to inquire from our local members and from the Massachusetts Historical Society, etc. if they can show anything not in my list.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,
BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
By Clarence S. Bond
Secy.

February 11,1931

Shepard Pond, Esq.
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am herewith sending you rubbings of the only souvenirs that we have of the recent Massachusetts Tercentenary.

We are more inclined each year to give measurements in millimeters, although it is sometimes hard to break away from the custom of measuring United States coins and medals in inches. Sometimes when we describe United States pieces we give the measurements in both scales. Eventually we shall discard inches entirely.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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Boston, February 12, *1931*

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156 Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you for your letter of Feb. 11th enclosing rubbings of Massachusetts Tercentenary tokens.

I am getting along pretty well with the list. It runs between forty and fifty legitimate medals, tokens, placques, etc. It is very interesting but, of course, to do it right, and that's the only way I should do a thing of this sort, it is rather exacting and drawn out work for a person who has to spend day-times at business.

I am strongly in favor of millimeter measures - they are international and to me infinitely easier to understand.

I do wish sometime one of your visits to Boston could coincide with a meeting of the Boston Society. It would be a treat to us all to have you here. Yet, I know how hard it is to bring those things together, for I receive monthly the notices of the New York Club's Meetings, only to have to regretfully pass them up. However, perhaps like in the stockmarket, "better times are coming".

You may be interested to know (this confidentially) that the Harvard Business School seems to be waking up a little to the possibility of Numismatics. They don't quite seem to know how to go at it, or perhaps I shouldn't say that, but rather they are groping. I was unexpectedly invited out there by one of the Professors, who is thinking along these lines, Prof. Gras. He introduced me to a Mr. Corning, who is more particularly handling this problem there. Corning speaks of a very pleasant visit to your museum and courtesies shown him by Mr. Newall. He did not seem to remember whether or not he talked with you.

They have a very mixed and confused jumble of

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things, apparently the accumulation of a number of petty gifts, legacies, etc.

I have got to make some recommendations to them, if only as a matter of courtesy, although they are nice enough to say they appreciate connecting with me and may call on me later. My first thought would be to encourage them to build up a number of minor series to illustrate points they may want to emphasize in their work with the students, such as the origin and development of coinage - hard times and emergency coinage - siege pieces - the debasement of coinage over centuries on the continent - the California coinage - the Bryan satirical dollars - the evolution of the United States dollar through the Spanish dollar - etc.

It seems to me that such various series could be built up without great expense, and could be used effectively to illustrate economic changes, business history and how the coinage is inter-twined with business life.

I hope I have not bored you with this recital, which please, as requested, keep confidential. Any suggestions to the desirable end of interesting these people in Numismatics would be tremendously welcome, and you have had a far greater experience to draw on than I have.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Pond

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, July 14, *1932*

Mr. Howland Wood
c/o American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

It is a year now since I have seen you or my good friend, Noe, so I thought I would drop you a line and ask a question or two.

In the first place, however, let me congratulate you on your article in the Numismatist for July on "Recent Faking of Chinese Coins". Not only is it very interesting, but it is also enlightening and useful. Every once in a while things of this sort crop up, and the sooner they are caught and shown up, the better off the Numismatic world in general is. In this connection you will doubtless remember several years ago I took up with you the question of a lot of French Five Franc Pieces with little heads carved in them — or stamped. I think by now it is pretty well admitted that there was something funny about that series too. Spink offered to refund me the purchase price of one such I had from them, but I preferred to keep it as a curiosity, without the least belief in the antiquity of the piece.

Several years ago when I visited the Museum and was looking through bound periodicals in the library, I saw a couple of articles which I thought I should like to possess if I could get the numbers of the periodicals in question. I have rather forgotten, however, how extensive those articles were. Could you bother to take a look and tell me, using the enclosed return envelope, if the articles are long enough to make it worth my while to write to Europe for the issues involved, always supposing I could get them. The names are on the sheet of paper herewith.

Is there any chance that you or Noe might get up this way on a summer vacation trip, etc. etc.? If you do, be sure to save time to call in here and let me do anything for you I can. We shall have no meetings until nearly the first of October; still we might have a pleasant little chat.

I suppose you knew Reinhold Faelten got married a few weeks ago. I was invited to the wedding, but could not go. He married a very nice lady from Cambridge, daughter, I believe, of one of the

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Boston, July 14, *1932*

Professors at Harvard, and I am told seemed very happy about it. Doctor Storer is as usual down at his summer place in Penobscot Bay. I haven't seen Wheeler for about a month, but he continues about as usual and often speaks of you and the old days in the Boston Society.

We lost a good member, Boyle, a while ago; in fact have lost several such within the last year, and it isn't easy at all to replace them, although we have got in several good ones to try to keep things going along.

With kindest regards to all at the Museum, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Sheppard Pond

July 16, 1932.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I was most glad to hear from you and on the back of the enclosed sheet I have put my comments on the two articles in periodicals you wished me to look at.

As you likely know, there has been a raft of stuff come out of China in recent years. I simply dealt in one phase. It is my belief that there was no earthly excuse for nine-tenths of the stuff.

Noe is off on a two week's vacation but what he is going to do later I do not know. The few times in recent years I have gotten up to Boston I have spent a busy time with my mother who lives out in Brookline. As I am with here all the time I do not get a chance to be very sociable. My vacation will be at my camp in Westport, Conn. Faelten's marriage was news to me. I hope he stays happy as he is a decidedly lovable creature. Whenever you see Wheeler remember me to him. Your problem is the same as ours. It seems as if during the past two years we have lost a great many members by death, a good many of them important ones and we are having hard work filling their places.

Very truly yours,

TM:JG

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, October 25, *1932*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Looking over some of my books lately, more particularly your "Coinage of the West Indies" and Zay's "French Colonies", the thought suddenly came to me that I had nowhere seen any work on the numismatics of Haiti. As a matter of fact this may have been a subconscious interest in the island brought to the surface by the fact that we, in our business are just equipping the Colombian Line's new S. S. Haiti with pianos so the name is before me more or less.

It struck me that this might make an interesting subject to trace through, beginning with the French colonial days and coming up to date. Do you know if anyone ever really did this? Zay of course stops with the French collapse and the only other place in my library I find any really useful reference is in Smith's "Coins of the World" I think, where a page is devoted to woodcuts with very meagre information. Engel & Serrure give a little information too.

I suppose if they are having any coins made now they are probably made in the Philadelphia Mint. There is a series in the 1880s that was made at Paris. Probably you know a lot more about this then I do but it occurred to me it might be an interesting thing to take up some time, perhaps to make a start on now and bring it all together in the English language.

In this connection do you know if one might expect ready and satisfactory answers from the various mints to inquiries as to the history of the work they might have done in cases like this?

With kindest regards to yourself and Noe, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Shepard Pond

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Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Just a line on my return to Boston to tell you what a great visit I had at the Museum Saturday and how nice it was to see you and Noe and have a good talk with each. It is always inspiring to do this, and I greatly regret that it seems to be so long between visits.

With kindest regards which please extend to Noe, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Shepard Pond

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, May 12, *193* 3

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I wonder if you ever found the proper description of those little counterstamped pieces which you told me some time ago you thought were struck some time during the Greek War of Independence or something of that sort?

I mean the pieces which the authorities used regularly to assign to Haiti as issued under Dessalines and which you remember you told me you described as such in your Coins of the West Indies.

I am getting along very nicely with my work on Haiti. Like anything of that sort, it runs into a lot more time and effort than you first think it may but I think that I have located about all the authorities now so that when later I get a chance to come over to the Museum, I will know pretty definitely what I want to look for.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that in the Boston Public Library I located an old record of Haitian laws and decrees, etc., which permit me to quote the exact "establishing the mint at Port au Prince"and the authorization, etc., of the coins of Petion and some of those of Boyer.

It has been and still is very interesting but it is a long way yet to completion. Almost all my work so far has been book work and I have been led to invest in a good edition of Fonrobert and another of Neumann.

All in all, perhaps I will really have accomplished something when I get it in shape a year or more hence.

I hope you have come through your upset nicely and have now got your strength back. We have our last spring meeting May 22nd in case by any chance you might plan to come up and visit your mother about that time. With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Sherman Ford

May 17, 1933.

Mr. Shepard Pond
Boston Numismatic Society
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have never found the reference to those counterstamped pieces I once assigned to Haiti. It is still just as elusive as ever. I think you are lucky to have found in the public library what you have of the Haitian laws. We are always ready to help you in whatever we can. I see no chance of my getting up to Boston for your spring meeting.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, June 14, *1933*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for yours of June 13. Several months ago I was in communication with Mr. Guttag who most cordially invited me to his home where he assured me I should be made entirely comfortable for such time as I might need to look over his coins. He added that he thought there were a number of his Haitian pieces at the Museum and that I could see that section when I visited you. Undoubtedly that is the section to which you refer.

I am still at work here, have exhausted the Boston Library and am planning to start with the Harvard Library when I get time a little later. Meanwhile it is impossible to say just when I may be down to see you, certainly not for some weeks as my brother, with whom I am associated here, has left on his annual vacation to Paris.

Wheeler was in yesterday looking well and feeling cheerful. Gifford as you may know has had a very mean time indeed with an abscess or something of that character on his leg. He is straightening out now but at home most of the time and still weak.

No more meetings for the Boston Society until October. We had a pretty good year 1932-33 and took in several promising new members.

Thanks for thinking to write me about Guttag's stuff in your possession. It is encouraging to have you think of me and some time I hope ~~you~~ may have something worthwhile. With best, regards which please extend to Mr. Noe,

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, December 11, *193* 3

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Back safely in Boston and I want to tell you what a delightful time I had Saturday, first with you and Noe at the Museum and second, with the crowd at the New York Society's 25th anniversary dinner. It is always a pleasure and an inspiration numismatically to get over and see you folks and I only regret it happens so infrequently.

With kindest regards to all, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Sherman Ford

January 2, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
Boston Numismatic Society
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have been to Boston and back again and I owe you my sincere apologies for not looking you up or going to the club meeting. I fully intended to do both but my mother's affairs took a little longer than I had planned and I do not have to tell you that the storm and the cold snap hampered me somewhat, especially as I was staying out at Wavan. I saw Gifford one day as he probably has told you, as I was in his bank on business. I fully intended to stay in town Friday but had a stomach attack and went home early and did not venture out again that night. After spending most of Saturday morning getting the car in shape to drive back we left Wavan at one and got as far as Westerly where we stayed the night as we were pretty well frozen up. We finished our trip on Sunday. Please lay all my shortcomings to the weather man and I will try to impress upon the club some other time the importance of the fabrication and other things of the Japanese sen. Wishing you a Happy, Successful and Prosperous 1934, I remain

Very truly yours,

H :JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, February 12, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I thought you might be interested to see the enclosed clipping from the Boston Evening Transcript of Saturday, February 10, 1934. I don't know whether you keep such things in your library files or not. If you don't, just destroy it.

When they approached me for help on the article, I thought that anything that would help towards numismatic publicity was a good thing so I was very glad to what I could.

With kindest regards which please extend to Mr. Noe,

Yours very truly,

Howland Wood

February 13, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

We were glad to get the clipping you sent as we do save such things. I was sorry that you did not show up the other Saturday as we were all looking for you. There is little in the way of news we have to offer, therefore I am saying nothing.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

Curator

February 28, 1934.

Mr. Shhpard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have just received another consignment of coins from Eklund. Among them were three pieces in your line, rubbings of which I am enclosing. They are of copper and the price given is what he wants for them. I do not care for these and if you want any of them at these prices you can have them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, March 2, *193* 4

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your letter of February 28.

The "coinage" of Henry V is so shot through with restrikes, etc., that I have always been a little uneasy about spending much money on it.

Still I think I could take a chance on the two rubbings I enclose. I already have the other one. If you will send them over at your convenience, I'll mail you personally a check.

Very truly yours,

Howard Pond

March 3, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am herewith sending you the two French pieces you thought you might like to keep. Both look to me original but it is hard to say. The prices are on the back of each envelope.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, March 5, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd and the two bronze pieces of Henry V. They look "all right" to me so I enclose my check for $3.74--$1.25 for one, $2.25 for another and 24¢ postage, for there is no reason that the Society shouldpay the postage.

My talk on Pretenders to the Throne of France will come at our next meeting, date not yet set but likely to be Monday, March 26. Incidentally if you get up here to visit your mother anytime this week, be sure to drop in to say "hello" if you get even five minutes opportunity. It is always a pleasure to see you and talk with you.

By the way, one of the Predenters of course is Napoleon IV, or the Prince Imperial who was killed in Zululand. I have a five franc piece of his, I think 1874. It is generally admitted to be a fantasy piece,undoubtedly origin in Bruxelles along with the numerous fantasy pieces that came from there about that time. Have you in the cabinet any ~~other~~ medals of the Prince Imperial?

And do youknow of any medals of Prince Victor Napoleon who was the next Bonaparte Imperial after the death of the Prince Imperial? Prince Victor you know was a son of Prince Napoleon and grandson of King Jerome Napoleon of Westphalia. If you have and cared to loan them to me at my expense for shipping, etc., they would help me in my talk.

Also have you any of the Count of Paris, who was the grandson of Louis Phillipe and the father of the Duke of Orleans.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

March 6, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Many thanks for the check and I am glad you like the two pieces. I don't know just now when I will get to Boston - all I do know is that I should get up. Will drop in to see you if and when I get there.

We have the following essais of Napoleon IV all dated 1874, silver 5 franc, 2 franc, 50 centime, 20 centime, copper 10 centime. We evidently are shy the 1 franc piece. I have no medals of Napoleon IV. I have the following badges, which I have roughly portrayed on a separate sheet. These all have ribbons and are to be worn. I can lend these to you if you wish.

Very truly yours,

HN:JG

Curator

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Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, March 7, 1934

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks very much for your letter of March 6. While it is a little too early perhaps to ask for the loan of the items you offer, namely, Henry V and Napoleon IV and the Orleans family, I should appreciate it greatly if say a week from now you could send them over to me.

I expect our meeting will come March 26, although the date is not definite yet. You can count on my returning them by registered mail promptly thereafter and reimbursing you for your shipping charges.

Could you also send the little bronze medal of the Duc d'Orleans struck around 1900 which we saw in your trays, and if you find anything on the Count of Paris or Prince Victor Napoleon or the Duc d'Guise, the present Orleanist pretender, I would appreciate them too. I have the Napoleon II series myself.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

(1) Am returning today reg. mail the manuscript list of Eklund. Thanks!

(2) See you are to speak Fri. on Nap III satirical pieces, - wish I could hear it, - but can't.

JS

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, March 17, *193* 4

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th st.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Supplementing my letter of March 7 relative to the pieces of Napoleon II, Napoleon IV and the Count of Chambord, also possible medals of the Count of Paris, Prince Victor Napoleon, the Duc of Orleans and the Duc of Guise. Anything you could send over Monday or Tuesday or so would come in very handy indeed for my talk which is to be Monday, March 26.

Also you might have something on the Dauphin, the unfortunate Louis XVII.

Keep a record of your expenses and let me know for of course I want to reimburse the Society for shipment, etc.--and I will send everything back immediately after my talk, carefully packed and shipped.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

March 20, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Under separate cover by parcel post insured I am sending you the following:

Badge of Philippe Duc D'Orleans. Insignia Royalist Society
Badge of Prince Victor Napoleon " Imperialist Society
Guard of Honor Duc D'Angoulême, badge
Henry V medal on long ribbon
Comte de Chambord Anvers 1872
Society du Prince Imperial
Philippe. 1900. medal
" 1899 "
Maroussia lead two pieces
Dauphin six pieces.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, March 27, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

With your kind assistance we had a very pleasant meeting last night at which I read my paper on "Pretenders to the French Throne".

The medals which you obliged by loaning helped a lot and together with what I was able to supply from my own cabinet, covered the field pretty well. I am returning under separate cover your medals and trust they come through safely.

Enclosed please find my check for $1.00 to help on the "stamp account."

With best wishes and thanks,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

March 28, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Your letter together with the check, for which many thanks, and the package duly at hand. I am glad to know that you were able to make good use of them.

My plan now is to get to Boston sometime Saturday, March 31st. I may or may not by there on Monday - if I am will try to look you up.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, April 9, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th st.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am very, very sorry to have missed you at our warerooms this morning. It was only due to my routine which calls for an hour or two the first part of each morning at our factory in Cambridge. Then the rest of the day here. I should have liked very much to see you.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Howland Wood

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, April 16, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I thought I might work up into an article for the Numismatist, the paper which I read recently at the Boston Numismatic Society meeting on "Pretenders to the French Throne in Numismatics". At this point the thought comes to me--several years ago Noe rather jokingly reproached me in connection I think with my Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary work, on not letting you folks have a chance at such things for your series of monographs and so just to show good intentions I am willing to send the draft of my talk over for you to look at to see if you care to use it. This before working it up in final form for the Numismatist.

Frankly, I'll say in advance I don't think it is the kind of material that you want because it doesn't contain any really original work and is necessarily more or less historical. I do think it might make an interesting article for the Numismatist and is more in the field covered by that magazine. In any case there is more work to be done on it, for a reading article (in my opinion) requires a little different treatment than a speaking article.

Yours very truly,

Sherrard Pond

April 17, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I was sorry to have missed you last week when I was in Boston but as I cleared out for Providence at 1.30 I could not come around to see you a second time. I have just spoken to Noe about your monograph on Pretenders. He says, if you care to, send it along but the situation at present is about this: We are a little limited in our publication funds and the Council is naturally a little cautious. We have manuscripts submitted to take us through this year. Therefore, we could not print anything more until next year. I guess the best thing to do under the circumstances would be to send it to the Numismatist. Many thanks for this offer. However, as I said we would be glad to have you send it along and Noe and I will look it over.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, April 18, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th st.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed is my first set-up of my article on the French Pretenders sent over so that you and Noe can read it and, let me hope, get a little fun out of it. As I said before, I do not consider it really in line for your publication work. But I do think a good story in the Numismatist can be worked up with the aid of a few illustrations of the outstanding pieces. Duffield is always good on the illustration business if furnished the specimens. I should think for an article of this size that a dozen to fifteen illustrations would be plenty, perhaps too many--say the various five francs pieces involved and a half dozen or so medals scattered over the sequence of events.

A little more ought to be put in and I should do it about the "fabricator", Brichaut. A little something about him personally and about his affiliations. Also complete list of medals as far as can be established with a reasonable amount of work.

As I stated before, my real reason for sending this over or mentioning the matter to you at all is to disarm my good friend, Noe, who has been so consistently kind and accommodating to me in your library, from saying, " why don't you let us know about these things", so read it over and send it back at your entire convenience and don't hesitate to make any suggestions or offer any criticism--good, bad, or indifferent.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Sherman Poole

April 23, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have read with much interest your account of the Pretenders. You have written this in a very readable form but in two or three instances, as you probably know, it needs polishing. I have made one or two slight notes. I think it is of a little bit too general a nature for our monographs. However, between you and me, I wish, and many others do also, that our monographs were written in a little more free and easy style appealing to the general collector rather than the student. I think Duffield ought to be very glad to take it. I am glad you sent it on as I enjoyed reading it first hand and if you want anything in the way of illustration let me know.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, October 3, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Just a line to tell you what a pleasure it was to have you with us at our meeting a week ago. I do hope it willnot be very long before you will be up here again. Once a year is fine but oftener would be better.

Reading a book in my library--"Coin, coinages and Currency of Australasia" by Hyman, published Sydney 1893, I ran onto a curious item I had never heard of before. If you have the book in your library will you look on Page 52 and see an account of the sinking in the Hudson River during the American Revolution of the British Frigate "Hussar" with a large amount of specie, gold and silver. Also mention of operations of a salvage company formed presumably in the 1880s to recover the treasure, and the recovery of a mass of agglomated silver. Did you ever hear ofthis episode? Do your files of the Numismatist or the old American Journal carry any reference to it? Could a story be worked up about it?

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Paul

October 5, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:-

I looked up the reference in Hyman's book and I have hurriedly gone through the numismatic literature and find no mention of the recovery of the specie from the British frigate Hussar. Undoubtedly there are accounts of it in non-numismatic publications and the daily papers. In the Numismatist, vol. 14 for 1901, page 337 is an account of the recovering of 10,000 English souvereigns from a ship sunk in Lake Champlain. These sovereigns were in an iron chest and presumably were not in very bad shape. Why not work up a little story about it?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, October 5, *193* 4

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

You will remember regarding my paper on the Assignats which you heard at our last meeting here that I am going to send it to Duffield for The Numismatist. You will also remember I had a batch of various assignats which I exhibited. From these I was going to select several specimens and send to Duffield so he could photograph them if he wished for illustrations. And here comes the rub! Those confounded things have disappeared and I haven't the faintest idea where in the world they are. This cripples me as regards supplying material for illustration.

Now I know you must have a lot of those over in the Museum. Would you be willing to send Duffield several for him to photograph them if he wished, and return to you when he had finished with them? If you do feel like doing so, it would brighten up the paper when published and the assistance would be much appreciated by me.

Of course you have Dewamin's big work "100 Years of French Numismatics"? Using this as a reference, I would suggest sending one of the earliest of the notes such as illustrated in Dewamin in his paper money volume as No. 1 or No. 2. This would give one of the earliest large denominations. Also No. 13 or No. 14 which would give a small 5 livres denomination; also one like No. 29 of the small 10 sous denomination, and one like No. 57 or 58, a large 10,000 livres denomination of the very last issue.

Then you may remember I mentioned the mandats which superseded the assignats. Perhaps you have one of these such as illustrated in Dewamin on Page 136. If you could help me, I repeat it would be much appreciated. Of course you could send them to me here and I could make out the titles for them and send the whole business together to Duffield.

Trusting you can help out and with best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Lawrence C. Wroth

October 8, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am very sad! I would like to comply with your request and started full of hope to look up the pieces you wanted in Dewamin's book. Although we have a lot of the assignats they are all of the common ones and we do not have specimens of No. 1, 2, 13 or 14. We have the small denomination 10 sous but do not have the 10,000 livre piece. Ours is of the 1000 denomination. Nor do we have any like those on page 136. I do not know where to turn to help you out. The best thing I can think of is to send the book on to Duffield and let him photograph from the book. These might not turn out quite as well as directly from the real things. I trust in the meantime you have found your package.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, October 10, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks very much for the trouble you went to in trying to locate some assignats for me in the Museum's collection. Intentions are what count mostly in a little thing of that sort and your willingness is much appreciated.

Your inability to supply any through me back "on my own" and after another and even more minute search I am glad to say I located the missing assignats out at my house. So, after all, you see your failure had the beneficial result of spurring me on to more and effective action. I am all set now and shall send it off to Duffield in a couple of days.

Yours very truly,

Stephen Pond

October 15, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

It is a rather peculiar coincidence that you should have brought up the Hussar treasure at this time. There are apparently two boats at the present moment fishing for it, an account of which is in TIME for October 8th of this year on page 51. Also there is a picture of the diving suit in the rotogravure section of the New York Times for October 14th.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, October 16, *193* 4

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter about the "Hussar" is just received. What a coincidence! I figure that puts me out of the picture--with another good story gone wrong. I haven't seen any of the current references you speak of so, numismatically speaking, I'll turn it over to you. If I'd only been diligent enough to read my book when I bought it a year or two ago, I might have been in the running.

Anyway, I have just sent off my Assignat paper to Duffield and think perhaps I'll take a little rest for a while. I have several other French items which I got into what you might call "three-quarter condition" to read in recent years at the Boston meetings. Perhaps when I get steam up later, I can work them up for Duffield.

Incidentally, if the New York Society might care to hear one of them some time, I could bring it over at such time when it happened that a trip to New York and one of your meetings coincided.

With best regards to Noe,

Yours very truly,

Lyman Low

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Nov. 28. *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th st.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I suppose you saw the enclosed in the Book Review section of the New York Herald Sunday, Nov. 25. Do you know the individual--and hasn't he laid out an ambitious program? Oh! Boy!!

I was terribly sorry to hear of the loss of your good colleague, Mr. Brown in that unfortunate calamity. That surely is a loss to the Society.

We had a pleasant meeting night before last at which we all wished you could have been present.

You know Gifford's wife has been seriously sick for the last three weeks with pneumonia. She is in the hospital and Gifford has been much worried, naturally.

I am beginning to think in a few weeks more there may be an opportunity for me to get over to New York for a weekend and have a little visit up at the Museum with you and Noe. I hope so anyway--and we'll see.

Very truly yours,

Sherman Ford

November 30, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Bond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bond:

Like you I was much intrigued with the notices in the paper that one Karl Goll was writing an encyclopaedia of the world's coinage. He has got one or two advertisements in the stamp magazines asking for information, advice etc. I have never heard of the man and I think he is tackling a subject he knows absolutely nothing about.

The loss of Mr. Browne was certainly a shock. I had seen him only a few days before, as he was one of the Governors of our Society. In fact, he has held some sort of an honorary office since about 1885. I would like to have been present at your last meeting but I trust that you will be down here as you state before very long. Our next Club meeting is on the 14th.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, December 4, *1934*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

This morning I received a little catalogue from a Belgian dealer of whom I have never heard previously,--one, J. Dillen of Bruxelles. The curious thing in it is the enclosed yellow slip which takes me back to the paper I read at a meeting last March of our Boston Society on "Pretenders to the French Throne in Numismatics" for which you kindly sent up some medals for exhibition. You know undoubtedly that some of those pieces were the output of a Belgian, Brichaut and that it was said that when he died and his effects were disposed, some, if not all, of the dies for these pièces de fantasie found their way to Paris. Doesn't it look as if some enterprising person was again at work putting out these pieces? Such a variety offer at one time!

I remember that the late Paul Bordeaux wrote in 1874 "last year we illustrated the Apocryphal 5 franc piece of M. Thiers and Citizen Gambetta. Now we illustrate a rather more serious one, that of His Majesty, Henri V, King of France and Navarre".

I could go into a lot more detail on this subject but probably you are as well posted on it as I. Anyway, every piece on this yellow slip is, I think, in the class mentioned, a private issue without any official standing anywhere and quite likely of recent output from the old dies of our friend, Brichaut. If you have any thoughts on the subject, I should be more than pleased to have you express them.

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

December 6, 1934.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Like you, I was much interested in the yellow slip. I had just received one of Dillon's catalogues but do not know anything about him. He possibly may have gotten hold of an old hoard of these pieces that Brichaut or someone else may have had. I do not think it at all improbable that a number of these might have been locked away fifty years ago and have been held in some family in Brussells. The chief wonder is that the Germans didn't get them. We have similar happenings over here. Now and then a whole lot of medals come to light that have been put away for years, one in particular the Andrew Jackson medal of the Swiss artist Bovy ordered by a committee in this country. These have been known in white metal for years, but a large number in bronze came to light a few years ago that were held by the descendants of one of the committee. A lot of small size Columbus medals were made to sell at the World Fair in 1893 but evidently never put on sale, as no one ever saw one until about 15 years ago when a big bunch turned up. There have been many other such instances. I am returning your yellow slip.

I sympathize with you concerning the hobby show. We went through that agony here some months ago but we had plenty of material to draw upon and although the New York Coin Club did not show much enthusiasm the Bronx and the Brooklyn Club sent enough of its members to keep several at the booth all of the time.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Jan. 3, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
c/o American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am very sorry indeed to have to write you to tell of the death early yesterday of our good friend, Dr. Malcolm Storer at his home on Beacon Street. He had not been really well for much over a year. His heart had been giving him more or less trouble, and he was prevented from attending our last meeting six days ago for that reason. At that time I talked to him on the telephone, and he said they had told him "he ought to go to bed and rest up for a little". I believe the funeral is tomorrow.

All the Boston papers have had notices, all complimentary to him, but I doubt if any of the New York papers got the news. This will certainly prove a great loss to us here. And I knew that you, in view of your old association with him when the society was saved from extinction, would make you want to know of this.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

Stephen Pond

January 4, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Many thanks for your letter enclosing the notices of Dr. Malcom Storer's death. A long, full acount was in the New York Times yesterday morning and smaller notices in some of the other papers. I am naturally most sorry to hear of his passing away and in fact did not know that he had been really ill for some time. Thanking you again, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, January 5, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

As you may remember, our Annual Meeting to come this January will mark the 75th year of the organization of the Boston Numismatic Society. It is my thought to read a paper at this meeting giving the early and later history of the society.

Of my own memory I can go back no further than 1921 but I have Wheeler to help me, back to 1907, or the reorganization. Nevertheless there are in the old Secretary's records (in my possession) a number of intriguing mentions of things before that time. Can I appeal to you with your wider New York experience to try to give me answers to the following questions?

1. Very early, perhaps ~~1860 or 61~~ 1858 the society adopted "the scale of the Numismatic Society of Philadelphia". This doubtless to measure diameters. Do you know what it was or is?

2. In the fall of 1860 certificates of membership were distributed. Did you ever see one?

3. In 1863 there was mention of the Numismatic Society of New Haven. Mention later is made of a medal of this society. I never heard of either.

4. About that time mention of catalogue of the Yale College collection. Can you give me a few words on the latter--a bequest, its development and its present status?

5. In 1863 or so--foundation of a Numismatic Society of Providence. In 1868 mention of the Rhode Island Numismatic Society, Secy. Geo. D. Hersey--a printed copy of its constitution and by-laws. Can you tell anything about all this?

6. Do you know anything about a New England Numismatic and Archeological Society under the auspices of which it is said Crosby's book on American Coins was edited (1873).7. In 1874 it was ordered every member be furnished certificate of membership from the plate

as altered after the incorporation of the society.

8. Did you ever hear of "Numisgraphics" the name of a book by Mr. Attinelli, presented to the society?

9. In 1879 received medal struck by Vermont Numismatic Society on Centennial of the Battle of Bennington. Do you know of either?

10. In 1882 the Secretary showed a copy of "the earliest printed book on numismatics". Did you ever hear of it? "Budaeus de asse et Partibes eius by Aldus, Venice 1522." It was said another copy had just sold in London for £ 91.

11. Do you know Numismata Londinensia "a beautiful volume presented to society in 1895 by the City of London"?

This brings us up to the stagnant period broken by the entrance of yourself, Wheeler, et al in 1907.

After this I shall depend on Wheeler for help.

If would be a great help to me if you could remember something about these things or anything else in that period. As a bribe for your so doing it would not be out of place for me to say that I intend to give you a good amount of mention in connection with the reorganization.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Sherman Pond

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January 8, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am very glad to say that this time I can help you out much better than when you wrote me last. Can you let me know the date of the 75th anniversary meeting ? If I can I will try to come up. I think that you can find the books referred to in the Boston Public Library as the Society before Storer, Wheeler and I got at it had been turned over to the library.

The Numismatic Society of Philadelphia was organized in 1858 and in 1865 was changed to the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. In September 1858 they adopted a coin scale divided into sixteenths of an inch. Therefore a three inch medal would be size 48. The Chapmans use this scale throughout. The reason for the adoption of this was the only scale used numismatically before then was Mionnet, which to say the least was very arbitrary in its divisions, and different copies of it varied.

I think years ago I ran acorss one of the membership certificates of the Society. I possibly may have had one made out to me at the time I joined but for the life of my I cannot think where it can be. Wheeler may have one.

The only existing record, as far as I know, of the New Javen Numismatic Society is the medal they struck. I once had one and there is one here at the Society, a rubbing of which I am enclosing. I can find no printed word concerning it nor does the library have its constitution and by-laws. This is another proof that medals are the most enduring record.

I do not know of a Numismatic Society of Providence but we have by-laws of the Rhode Island Numismatic Society. An early one is of the constitution as adopted February 1864 and printed in 1865. Robert B. Chambers was President, George T. Paine Vice President, Desmond Fitzgerald Secretary, Edward H. Robinson Treasurer, Asa Lyman Cabinet Keeper, John J. Meader and Albert V. Jenks Executive Committee. No word as to when it was founded. We have a revised edition printed in 1868 which is the one you refer to. Various meetings of this Society are in the early volumes of the American Journal of Numismatics. I refer specifically to Vol. I, p. 52 and 74, Vol. II, p. 20 and 56. Subsequent volumes report their meetings as well.

The New England Numismatic and Archaeological Society was founded April 6, 1866, see A.J. of N. Vol. I, p. 4, also p. 42, Vol. II, pp. 33,50 and 56. Advertisements of Crosby's book appear in Vol. VII inside back cover opposite pp. 72 and 96 and in Vol. VIII opposite p. 84. What was the ultimate outcome of this Society I do not know but it was for the whole of New England and there were Vice Presidents for each of the States.

"Numisgraphics" is a list of catalogues in which occur coins or medals which have been sold by auction in the United States, compiled by E. J. Attinelli, New York 1876. Is a most useful book. I think there is a copy in the Public Library. However, the present day collector knows it not.

The Vermont Numismatic Society is referred to in the A.J. of N. Vol. XIII, p. 44, when they were comtemplating the Battle at Bennington medals and in Vol. XIV, p. 20 is a description of the medal. I am enclosing a rubbing of it which we have in silver, copper and white metal.

C. P. Thayer belonged to this Society before he moved to Boston, I knew the old man and bought his collection somewhere around 1908. I think he also was a prime mover in the Conservatory of Music. I think Wheeler knew him. Possibly Wheeler belonged to the Vermont Numismatic Society.

We do not have a copy of Budaeus. The Public Library may have. The New York Public Library has a copy and describe it as follows:

> "Bude, Guillaume. Gvillielmi Bvdaei...libri v. de Asse, & partib. eius post duas Parisienses impressiones ab eodem ipso Budaeo castigati...(Colophon:) Venetiis in aedibvs Aldi, et Andreae Asvlani, MC.XXII. 12 p.l., 262 f., 2 l. 8°.

Numismata Londinensia takes up the medals of London between 1831 and 1893. It was published in 1894 and is a folio of 170 pages and 14 plates.

I overlooked your fourth question. The earliest book we have on the Yale collection is the Catalogue of the Greek and Roman Coins in the Numismatic Collection of Yale College by Jonathan Edwards M.D., Curator of the Collection, New Haven 1880. In its preface it says the early history of the numismatic collection was given in the preface of the catalogue published under the supervision of the late Henry Champion in 1863. A good account of the collection is given in the preface of the 1880 catalogue. The Public Library may have it.

Sincerely yours,

H.:JG Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, January 9, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you very much indeed for your full and good letter of January 8 about past events in the Boston Numismatic Society. You have given me some interesting material and perhaps I can amplify it elsewhere as you suggest.

The annual meeting is to be Monday, January 28. Notices will not go out for ten days.

It would be simply splendid if you could arrange to be here. It is not going to be a "gala" night such as you had last year with the 25th anniversary of the New York Numismatic. No dress, no ladies present, just the same dinner and the Society is going to stand part of the cost so that ~~when~~ any members who in these hard times may feel the cost of the dinner a deterent to attendance at meetings, will have a little stimulant (I mean financial) to encourage them to come.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Stuart Pond

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, January 14, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The president has changed the date of our Annual Meeting to Wednesday, January 30 and I hasten to advise you so that if you have plans to make in connection with a possible trip to Boston you will be forewarned.

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

January 26, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am very sorry to say that it would be impossible for me to get to Boston to attend the meeting of the Boston Numismatic Society on January 30th. I certainly would like to be present. Please extend my best wishes on its 70th anniversary and I trust the Society will function and continue on for countless years to come.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, January 28, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that you will not be with us Wednesday night. Indeed I shall extend your best wishes to the Society. As a matter of fact I had rather counted on you for some reminiscences in connection with the renaissance of 1907 for I have always had an idea that you were the prime mover in that happy event; and too, Wormser, who had thought he might be able to get up for the reunion, has told me that Wednesday night he is absolutely tied up. It is very unusual for us to use a Wednesday--we had today all picked out but then the president found he was tied up today and changed the time.

I don't know when I shall be able to get over to New York again for, sad to say, my mother has been and still is extremely ill at home. We have just about given up hope a couple of times and are far from being out of the woods now, although things look a trifle better at the moment. So you see I cannot get away from Boston for an indefinite period in the future. However we will get together again some time and until then, best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Sherman Ford

Haitian

P. S. When are you going to come out with that discovery that the allegedly ~~Hessian~~ pieces of Dessalines are really Greek Revolutionary ones. I see that in the coming Newcomer sale our friend, Wayte Raymond, is cataloging these under Haiti.

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Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Jan. 31, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
c/o American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Your kind letter was read at the Society meeting last night and there were many expressions of appreciation, as well as regret that you could not be with us. I hope it will not be long before we meet again.

Relative to the New Haven Numismatic Society, you will be interested to know that I wrote Albert C. Murphy (met him at the N. Y. N. C. 25th Annual last year) at New Haven and got him all steamed up about the defunct New Haven Society. He is digging in right and left in New Haven and hasn't yet found a thing. He seems really interested and if he does find anything in the local records anywhere, will let me know.

Incidentally, I,also in our Boston records,found mention of a Western Pennsylvabia Numismatic Society in 1878. Did you ever hear of it?

If you would care to read over my paper on the history of the Boston Society, I should be very glad to send it on. I have thought of boiling it down for the "Numismatist", but after all it would be pretty hard to condense it effectively I think, and I doubt if Duffield would want a four or five page story.

Very truly yours,
BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
By Sherman Poe

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February 2, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Let us hope that your stirring up Murphy at New Haven will bring forth another group there. The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society was founded June 14, 1878. They published their Constitution and By-laws and list of members in 1880. They are still in existence today and as far as I know have been in continuous existence. Their first Secretary was George W. Rode, a well-known collector for many years. George H. Clapp, an original member, is still alive. A. C. Gies who joined their Society within a year or so of its founding is the Secretary at the present time and his address is 6260 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. By writing him you should get all the information you desire. I would be very glad to see your paper on the history of the Boston Society. Why not try Duffield and see if he would like to print even your long story. The only people I know of capable of boiling it down are the editors of the Readers Digest.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Mr. Howland Wood
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Boston, February 5, *193* 5

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed please find the paper I read at our 75th Annual Meeting here in Boston. As I said to Wheeler before I read it, there was a period between 1906 and 1921 (the latter year being when I joined) regarding which I was "under the guns". I am in a similar position with you and necessarily subject to correction by you. For most anything that happened before 1906, when you and Wheeler came in, we all have to fall back on the written records. It is quite likely, therefore, that you can and will pick me up in places. Wheeler thought, and now I agree with him, that I should have mentioned the fact that Dr. Storer was the first of the new members to become President after "the old guard" relinquished control.

By the way, Wheeler prepared a very sympathetic obituary on Storer which I sent, with a rather poor photograph, to Duffield. I hope it appears in the February issue.

To revert to my paper, if I should send it to Duffield, and in this connection I should be glad of your candid opinion about sending it, my first thought was, it was too local, but I am beginning to think perhaps it has interest for the widespread subscribers to the Numismatist. If you should encourage me to send it to Duffield, it would have to be worked over somewhat and made a little more impersonal. Frankly, I don't know quite what to do and should appreciate your honest opinion.

Thanks for your kind advices about the Western Pa. Society.

Have you in the library a little pamphlet by Icard published in Paris, 1927 "Identification des monnaies", 23 pages? I just acquired a copy but found it applies to Greek coins--and that lets me out. You are more than welcome to it if you would like it.

Our next meeting will take place presumably the last Monday of the month, Feb. 25. This in case you might be coming up this way.

At our Annual Meeting we elected Charles A. Davis President (he has been a most faithful attendant at meetings for some 15 years)--
Walter A. Nichols, Vice-Pres., (a comparatively new member, specializing in U. S. notes, U. S. gold, etc., a good fellow and strong character)--
Stafford remains Treasurer (do you know him--very earnest, just the man for the place and quite an authority on Colonial and Continental paper)--
and they seemed to be satisfied to have me continue slaving as Secretary.
With best regards to Noe,

Yours very truly,

Howland Wood

February 18, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter or returning you your account of the Boston Numismatic Society. My assistant has been laid up for two weeks and with the Newcomer sale I have been more than busy. I have carefully read this through and see hardly anything to correct. I think it is worth sending to Duffield. I think here and there you could boil it down a little but I would not do very much pruning. About the only correction I see is concerning the Appleton collection on page 6. I can find nothing of a Numismatic Society in Baltimore. I am her with returning it.

We have Icard's large book that you mention. What you have was a prospectus sent out to sell the big volume.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Boston, February 19, *1935*

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your letter of February 18 and return therewith of the manuscript on my "historical essay". Your encouragement to send it on to Duffield leads me to the decision to work it over a little and then send it.

Yes, I got Wayte Raymond's catalogue of the Newcomer sale and I put in some medium cheap bids for most of the Haitian coins. For example, about $4.00 each for the crown or dollar size pieces--the rest in proportion. I got none. Julius Guttag tells me he bought none. I am writing Wayte Raymond asking him if he would put me in touch with the purchaser of these Haitian pieces in view of my desire to work up the numismatics of Haiti seriously. I suppose Raymond may evince the customary dealers reluctance to disclose customers' names. Ordinarily you could not blame a man for such an attitude and it is quite natural and proper, but I hope in view of these peculiar circumstances he will loosen up. When I write him I shall say you know about the work I am engaged in and that you will bear me out that I am not trying to steal anybody's customers.

You might be interested to know that we are considering here fairly seriously the idea of getting out a 75th Anniversary medal for the Boston Numismatic Society. The matter will probably come to a head at the next meeting Tuesday, February 26, cards for which have just gone out. It would not be a pretentious medal of the artistic type but rather simple in design in keeping with the economy of the times.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Stefano Pond

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, March 1, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I was very much interested to look over the report of the American Numismatic Society for 1934. Considering everything, I think it did very well.

One thing which interested me above all else was the suggestion of trying to develop an interest in students at Preparatory Schools or High Schools in numismatics. Do I understand that Noe or someone else has been giving a few lectures at schools? I think this idea is a splendid one and it is just along the lines that I tried to develop in Boston fully ten years ago but I got no encouragement from the Boston Society so let the matter drop. It has always seemed to me that the authorities at many schools might welcome an intelligently conceived and properly given talk or lecture, the value of which would be much enhanced by the use of good lantern slides. I have believed for years that teaching of history in our colleges could be much aided by judicious use of illustrations and I have always remembered with the keenest pleasure how one of my old professors in Harvard years ago devoted one of his lectures in the European History course to an illustrated talk on the coinage of the different countries in the past.

If there is anything I can do at this end to help you, just remember you are on a subject about which I feel enthusiastic.

Yours very truly,

Howland Wood

March 5, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
208 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Noe has been giving several lectures on ancient coins at a few of the private schools for boys in New England. We have just begun this work and are not yet prepared to say how well it is taking and what we will do in the future. I will turn over your letter to him and let him answer it in his own way. I know he will be much interested in your views on the subject.

Much obliged for the notices on the Vermont Numismatic Society. I will stick this in the files, probably attach it to any other literature we may have on the subject.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, April 16, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

You will be interested to know that at the meeting last night the Boston Society voted to issue a silver medal commemmorating its 75th Anniversary. Confidentially, these will be issued* only to members of the Society in good financial standing with the Society, plus perhaps one each to recognized societies in this country and a few European societies.

Can you tell me the names of half a dozen or a dozen high grade outstanding European societies over and above the Royal in London, the British in London, the French society in Paris, and the Belgian society in Brussels. Is there an outstanding Italian one? I suppose there must be a Swiss one as there is a publication of that country, etc. Sweden

There will be absolutely no duplicates-- the total issue will be, I believe, 85 silver and no bronze.

Yours very truly,

Stephen Pond

* free! none for sale.

Société Suisse de Numismatique
(Dr. W.J. Meyer, Secretary)
Münsterplatz 19
Bern, Switzerland

Società Numismatica
Italiana, Milan (Via Porta Nuova 15)

Numismatischen Gesellschaft
Dr. E. Zambour, Oberst d. R.
Vienna, Austria

Koninklijk Nederlandsch Genootschap voor
Munt- en Penningkunde
Dr. A.O. van Kerkwijk, Secretary
Amsterdam, Holland

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Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Boston, April 26, *1935*

Attention of Mr. Howland Wood.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I meant to write you a week or two ago to ask you to help me compile a list of say a dozen of the leading numismatic societies in Europe with their exact title. You know the Boston Society is getting out a 75th Anniversary medal in silver which it plans to present to leading societies in this country and a selected few in Europe. The medal will have engraved on the reverse the title of the society (or person) to whom it is given. Thus I should like to get the name exact. Also the address would be necessary in each case. I have addresses only for the Royal of London, the Paris and the Belgian societies. Could you give me address for the British of London and all others you may suggest?

Are there any in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Berlin, Frankfort, Dresden, Vienna, etc? What is the Swiss one? Is there one in Rome? Also Madrid. And might there be one in India and one in Tokio?

I know of none in Mexico or South America. I have the Montreal one O. K.

The medal committee is getting after me for this list and anything you could do would be a great help as they want to get the engraving of names done at the one time.

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

Thanks

Svenska Numismatiska Föreningen, Stockholm, Sweden.

Numismatiske Selskabet, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Föreningen för Myntsamler, Oslo, Norway

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[illegible] Colonel H. W. Morrison
42 Bramfort Gardens, London S.W.3

May 1, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Your two letters at hand. Please pardon the delay in not replying sooner - the reason being I have been away quite a little the past few weeks. Also, it took some little time to look up the names of the various societies.

I am much interested that the Boston Society is getting out a medal. To prove this interest, on receipt of your first letter I promptly paid my dues to Stafford - something I had neglected, so that there would be no question but what I would get my medal, as I noticed in your letter it would be issued only to members in good financial standing. The address of the British Numismatic Society is:

British Numismatic Society
%Lieut. Colonel H. W. Morrieson, President
42 Beaufort Gardens, London, S. W. 3.

The three Scandinavian societies are as follows:

Svenska Numismatiska Foreningen
Stockholm, Sweden.

Numismatiske Selskabet
Copenhagen, Denmark.

Foreningen for Myntsamler
Oslo, Norway..

Also I am giving you the Swiss, Italian, Austrian and Dutch societies. The India Society has no fixed abode and they are concerned wholly on Indian numismatics. I think there is a Japanese one but I do not know it. If there is anything else you want just let me know.

Societe Suisse de Numismatique
(Dr. W. J. Meyer, Secretary)
Breitenrainstr. 79
Bern, Switzerland.

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Societa Numismatica Italiana
Corso Porto Nuova 15
Milan, Italy.

Numismatischen Gesellschaft
(Dr. E. Sambaur, Oberst d. R.)
Vienna, Austria.

Koninklijk Nederlandsch Genootschap voor
Munt-en Penningkunde
(Dr. A. O. van Kerkwijk, Secretary)
Amsterdam, Holland.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, May 2, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks ever so much for your kind letter of May 1 and the desired names.

To trouble you again, are there any German societies of outstanding character? I have an idea that there might be at Berlin or Dresden or Frankfort or perhaps Mainz. Can you help me? And then I think I shall bother you no more.

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,

Sherman Pond

May 3, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Your letter of May 2nd is at hand. Both Noe and I omitted the German societies as we are not having much to do with Germany lately and we were also a little hazy as to whether all of them were in existence. I have made up the enclosed list taken from German periodicals of 1934 - so I guess these are still going. There are two or three other very minor societies but we did not think they are important enough to bother with.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, June 1, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I had a surprise call this morning from our good friend, Moritz Wormser and he came just in time for me to impose on him to take to New York our Society's 75th Anniversary medal for you personally and for the American Numismatic Society.

For your information this medal was struck in 100 specimens only, all silver, each engraved and given either to one of our own Boston members or to a United States or foreign society. We have tried to cover all the legitimate United States societies and to send, as you will remember, to representative societies abroad.

For your information, Wormser also took with him the ones we are giving to the New York Club, the Bronx, the Brooklyn and the Westchester. I shall send to Duffield for illustration with my article on our 75th Anniversary, the A. N. A. specimen so that the piece will secure publication.

I had hoped to get over to the New York Club meeting Friday, June 14 but I am far from sure I can do it.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

June 7th, 1935

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Pond:

Mr. Wormser turned over to me the other day, the two medals of the Boston Numismatic Society. One for myself, the other for the Society. For both of these I wish to thank you.

I was planing to be at the meeting but was unable to make it. I trust everyone had an enjoyable time and that the occasion was of much moment.

Sincerely yours

Curator.

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, July 9, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have just finished looking over the Numismatic Chronicle, Part 1, 1935.

Congratulations on the excellent presentation you made of the story about those countermarked silver pieces of the Ionian Islands wrongly attributed to Haiti.

Yours very truly,

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, July 11, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

At the time I was writing the history of the Boston Numismatic Society you may remember I was trying to learn something about the Vermont Numismatic Society, the medal of which you have in your collection. Did I tell you at that time of the only information I could get on this defunct organization? Thinking you might like this information for your files--it is two letters dated February 25 and February 28 from the Vermont Historical Society--I am sending it to you.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

Shepard Pond

July 12, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

We are glad and I will put in our files the information about the Vermont Numismatic Society. This is evidently one of those societies that started with a bang, struck a metal and then slowly passed out of the picture.

Many thanks about your note on those Ionian Island pieces. When I sent it to England they said it would be several months before it would appear and they stuck to their word. I think I spoke to you about these pieces sometime ago. If so, did you by any chance tell Dr. Storer, because you may know we inherited a large card catalogue of coin and medal illustrations and on the card with these pieces he had them marked first Haiti and then Ionian Islands. I cannot imagine how he did this unless you told him. We have been going through a seige of very hot weather but I trust that the daily east wind has helped you people out - something we do not have here.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, July 13, *1935*

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your letter of July 12. Undoubtedly Dr. Storer knew of the Haiti-Ionian Islands correction from being present at one of our Boston meetings a year or more ago. ~~when you attended~~. As a matter of fact you told me in New York about your discovery some two years ago and we talked it over again together in Boston at the meeting where Dr. Storer must have heard and perhaps joined the conversation.

I am sorry to say that with the combination of business, home affairs, (my mother with whom I lived died in March), and other interests, including several numismatic articles, etc., I have slowed up greatly on the work I had been doing on Haiti but what I accomplished is all down on paper ready to be picked up again and carried through when things straighten out.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Howland Wood

P. S. Don't say a word about hot weather, we have it all here ourselves.

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Boston, September 28, *193* 5

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The enclosed clipping from the New York Times of Sept. 27 has doubtless met your eyes already. There was something to the same effect in the Boston Transcript Wednesday. It occurrs to me that this gives a good opportunity for "some interested person" to work up an article for the Numismatist on the coinage of Ethiopia with particular reference to the Maria Theresa dollar, which you know fully as well as I is the main currency throughout that section. I suppose you have in the library the little book in German by, I think, Peez and Eidnitz--Maria Theresen Taler. I have it in my library but I am not sure that I remember the authors' names correctly.

It is easy to tell other people what to do--but haven't you enough in the museum on the coinage of Ethiopia to get up something for our American numismatists who, I venture to say, know almost nothing about it.

With best wishes--if you do it.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Ford

I really think such an article would be of interest. It certainly would be timely!

[From Late Editions of Yesterday's TIMES.]

Italy Makes Silver Coins For Ethiopian Invasion

By The Associated Press.

ROME, Sept. 25.—Italy is already coining thalers, a coin used in Ethiopia, for use following the incursion of Italian forces into Ethiopia.

The national mint here, it was learned today, has been manufacturing thalers, worth about 21 cents, for some time.

The coins, said employes of the mint, are to be used by the military and civil governors that Italy plans to install in Ethiopia. The money is to be used to pay off tribesmen who seek work under Italian domination.

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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258 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, December 12, 1925

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Am I not right in believing that your Annual Meeting comes some time in the middle of January? Is it possible that it might come on a Saturday that would link up with a Friday meeting of the New York Numismatic Club? It might be possible for me to make a little trip over to do several things I want to do if the above combination existed. Could you let me know?

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Sherman Pond

December 13, 1935.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Our annual meeting will be on January 11, 1936. The Club meeting would naturally be on the 10th - therefore I think you can kill two birds with one stone.

Best of regards,

HW:JG

Curator

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American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

You will doubtless remember that when you were over here at one of our early autumn meetings, Mr. Wheeler gave you for the Museum's collection, a sizeable gold medal of Victor Emanuel I of Italy and his queen, struck in the 1840s. I remember the piece and always thought it was a beautiful one.

In looking over the Annual Report of the Society which I received a few days ago, I did not notice his name as one of the donors of coins or medals during the year. Last night at the meeting I discovered that Wheeler had also noticed this omission and if I diagnosed his feelings correctly, he was considerably disappointed at the omission for I think he felt, and rather justifiably, that he had donated a fine piece of considerable intrinsic value.

If I am correct in all this, might I venture to suggest it would be a tactful thing to drop him a line--for he is too good a numismatist and loyal friend of both of us, to be left feeling his act has been overlooked and not made a matter of record.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

February 26, 1936.

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am very glad that you wrote me and I will promptly try to square myself diplomatically, of course, with Wheeler. The situation is nullified somewhat because we sent him an official acknowledgement signed by the President. I cannot imagine how the thing happened. I make a point of copying all of the honors down from my journal, my secretary types them and then they go to the printer. I have already thrown away my original copy so do not know where the oversight occurred. It is these darn little things that do happen every once in a while. I have made a note to put his name in next year.

I am sorry to hear that you have relinquished the Secretaryship of the Boston Society but I cannot blame you. I have had to do the same thing a couple of times in the past.

With best regards,

HW:JG

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April 11, 1936

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Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

To try to entertain the Boston Numismatic Society at our next meeting, April 27, I am going to read a paper on the Maria Theresa dollar, sometimes called the Levant Dollar. The subject is somewhat topical in view of the Ethiopian activities.

To prepare my subject I have in my own library the book by Peez and Wilnitz (the names may be off a little) on this Maria Theresa dollar. I also have one or two clippings a year or so old from the Numismatist and from Spink's Circular, regarding activities with the piece at that time. Then of course I have the several numismatic dictionaries.

I wonder if in your library in the Museum or in your Card Index Reference System there is anything which might not be covered in the references mentioned above?

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

April 14, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Your letter at hand and the only good book that we have in the library is the one that you mention. I, however, have been making notes, etc., about this for years. Also, the draft of article on this I never wrote but am using parts of this in the forthcoming Scott's Coin Collectors' Journal. I am enclosing all these notes, etc., which you are at liberty to use.

There is one pamphlet by Ernst, a note of which is enclosed, that I have never looked up but it is referred to every now and then.

I trust that you will get some help out of this stuff.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
ENCL.

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Boston April 14, 1936

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Supplementing my letter of a couple of days ago asking if you could help me with data on the Maria Theresa thaler, I would ask if in the library you have the following book:

M. M. Fischel's "Le Thaler de Marie - Theresa" Pub - Paris 1912.

If you have and could favor me with the loan of it, I should be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

Shepard Pond

This book contributes nothing new

April 18, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Your letter came while I was away yesterday.

We have a reference here concerning Fischel's book on the Maria Theresa pieces that it contains nothing new, and as you have the other book on the subject you will gain nothing from Fischel. We do not have this book.

I trust you got my voluminous notes and that they will be of some help.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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April 21, 1936

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258 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for yours of April 18. Yes, I realized the Fischel book had nothing that was not already in the German one but inquired as I read French more easily than German.

Would it be consistent with your policy to loan me a few pieces for exhibit next Monday? Have you

1. A good Maria Theresa thaler?
2. A good Mexican dollar of the same epoch?
3. One of the Eritrean five lira pieces struck, I think, under Humbert of Italy?
4. One of the Menelik dollars?

If there are any other pieces you think of that are relevant and could include them I would appreciate them very much. I would of course take good care of them and return them promptly.

I only hope in some way you would find it possible to be over yourself; we should all be delighted to see you.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

Enclose $1.- to help on postage. SP

April 22, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
218 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Under separate cover, by parcel post insured, I am sending you a Maria Theresa thaler, a Mexican dollar of the period, an Eritrean five lira by Humbert and a more recent type of the Eritrean dollar; also one of Menelik's dollars.

I would like to be at the meeting but am leaving for a trip through Virginia and will be gone a little over a week.

Very truly yours,

Curator

MM ks

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Mr. S. Pond.
GBD

Boston April 28, 1936

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you very much indeed for sending over those five coins which came in very handy as a supplement to my paper last night on the Maria Theresa thaler. One of them, the Italian silver token piece dated 1918 with the female head on the obverse, was a total surprise to me. It looks to me like a take-off on the Maria Theresa thaler.

I had thought possibly I might work my paper up a little further for Duffield and the Numismatist and that if he wanted it, you would loan him these pieces for illustration. I should like, if possible, to have a little information on the ~~little~~ 1918 Italian piece. We know they did not strike the Maria Theresa thalers during the war or indeed until 1920. Do you suppose the Italians tried to put this piece over at that time? Judging from the history of the Maria Theresa thaler, they would have had comparatively little success. Also I wonder if they continued to strike it? It bears no specific denomination or indication of weight or fineness. All in all, it is quite a curiosity.

If you do not mind I should like to keep all five pieces for a few days while I communicate with Duffield and see if he wants the article and while I polish up a little on it before leaving the subject completely.

There is a very bare chance indeed that I may be over to New York Friday, May 8. There are one or two little things, not very important, I should like to do and there is, I suppose, on that day the New York Club meeting. If so, I should hope to see you and perhaps find time to get up to the Museum.

I had a pleasant twenty minutes Sunday afternoon with Wormser who wasin Boston Sunday only,-on family business. I am afraid he is a little worried over the management of the A. N. A.--this in strict confidence. I am on the board of Governors but am so utterly ignorant of tradition and practice in the A. N. A. that I don't know how much help I can be. Perhaps he has unburdened himself to you in confidence already.

Steck of New York was at our meeting last night--the first time I have met him. He has been proposed for the Boston Society. I suppose he is o. k. isn't he?

I will also keep the data you so kindly sent me on the Maria Theresa dollar for a while and when I return it I will send with it for your files all of the loose leaf notes and data I assembled myself so you will have a fair batch of stuff in your files and then if the article is published later, you will of course have that in the magazine, although it is more in a reading form than statistical.

With best regards to all,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

April 30, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Keep the five coins I sent on for a little while longer but not too long because I have these pieces on exhibition.

I can give you little information on the 1918 piece that was struck, according to the Mint records, for Somaliland. 510,000 were stuck in 1918 and none since then, although they have struck rupees and half rupees both before and after, as well as more recently, 5 and 10 lira pieces.

Newell brought this piece back from one of his trips abroad and said it was the new Levant dollar made by the Italians. Evidently they thought they could, or at least gave it a try, cust the Maria Theresa dollar. In all probability they did not succeed as they never struck any others.

I trust to see you when you get here to New York. If I remember correctly, the last time you were on you did not show up here although you said you were coming up.

I have not seen much of Wormser lately and have heard nothing about the A.N.A., but I do know that for several years he has been a little distressed with some of the policies.

I have met the Stakks only once. I know nothing against him and I think he is trying to be upright and honest. A good many are down upon them here in New York but for no especial reason.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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May 6, 1936

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258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am returning under separate cover today by registered mail, the five silver pieces you so kindly loaned me. I trust they arrive in good condition. They were very interesting and helpful.

I shall very soon polish up my paper on the Maria Theresa thaler and send it on to Duffield, who says he would like to have it for The Numismatist.

We shall need several illustrations and perhaps I may impose on you to send (at my expense of course) several of these pieces down to Duffield so he could photograph them to make his half-tones to accompany the article. Or perhaps you have photographic facilities and could send him the pictures. We can take that up when we get a little nearer the fact.

With all best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

May 8, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the coins which you returned. Many thanks.

We would prefer to photograph the pieces here rather than sending them to Duffield. However, that can wait until the times comes.

I should judge you are not coming down to the club meeting tonight as you do not mention it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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May 19, 1936

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258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Apropos of working up of my article on the Maria Theresa thaler for the Numismatist you will remember I spoke of several illustrations and you said that you would prefer to photograph at the Museum any pieces I would like to use rather than to send them to Duffield to be photographed. Could I impose on you for photographs of:

The ItalianEritrean dollar of Humbert I (were there two types and have you each?)--- 1891 1896
the Menelik thaler (have you more than one type?) 1889 without crown and Colonia Italiana in Africa
and the Italian Somaliland imitation Maria Theresa thaler that Newell brought back.

I should like obverse and revers of all of these. Have you anything else directly bearing on this subject? I do not think it necessary to illustrate the Spanish Pillar dollar, etc.
Of course if there is any expense--I stand it. Thanks very much.

Yours very truly,
Shepard Pond

P. S. You will note I do not ask for photograph of the Maria Theresa piece as the one you sent was rather dark and I have access in Boston to a brand new one which I can send direct to Duffield for him to photograph.

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July 27, 1936

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Dear Mr. Wood:

You will remember our corresponding a couple of months or so ago about photographing those coins you kindly sent me for exhibit here when I read my paper on the Maria Theresa thaler. You said you would prefer to photograph them yourself rather than to ship them to Duffield and have him do it.

I wonder if you are now back and settled down and could find a little time to do this? If so, I should appreciate your sending the pictures all to me. I have a Maria Theresa thaler which I will send to Duffield and he can photograph it and that, with yours, will give me the desired illustrations. I can then go over my paper and revise it for publication so that I can get it to Duffield for some time in the fall. Of course if there is any expense in connection with the photography--that is up to me.

With best regards to all, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

July 17, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have had you in mind about photographing those coins but for a number of weeks was unable to unlock the case in which they were on exhibition. Either heat or dampness or something had swollen the case so that I could not unlock it.

Robertson is off on his vacation but will be back shortly and I will try to get at them then.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HM ks

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Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your letter received a few days ago.

It will be perfectly all right to photograph those Maria Theresa specimens later on. Just do it at your convenience and kindly mail them to me when available.

Have you seen Sir George Hill's new book on Treasure Trove? I have just received a copy from England and it looks extremely interesting.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

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September 1, 1936

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Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Have you seen or do you know about the Harvard Tercentenary medal in bronze, diameter 3¼ inches, struck by Medallic Art Company? They are about to be released in Boston.

I don't know the number struck but have seen a picture (designed and executed by Graham Carey (Harvard 1914)). Have you ever heard of him? He is said to be associated with John Howard Benson under the firm name of John Stevens of Newport, R. I. I am told they did the Rhode Island tercentenary half dollar.

Hope things are going well with you and Noe and that some time before long you may get an opportunity to photograph those coins relative to the Maria Theresa thaler.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

Sept. 2, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass:

Dear Mr. Pond:

Just up from the country for the day. Although Robertson is back to work his leg troubles him yet so that he has not as yet been able to photograph or to stand up at the sink in the dark room to do developing and printing. However, I expect that before long he will be able to do this work.

This is simply to tell you that up to date I have been able to do nothing.

I had not heard of the Harvard Tercentenary Medal. I could like to get one when them come out.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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September 3, 1936

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258 Boylston St.
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Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Soc.
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your letter of September 2. Perfectly O. K. about the delay in photography. I will assume you have a memorandum to the effect so that the work can be done a little later on when possible. This will save you from being nagged by me with "follow ups".

As for the Harvard Tercentenary medallion, there is a four page circular gotten up on the subject. You can undoubtedly get this circular by writing to Harvard Tercentenary office, Straus Hall, Cambridge, Mass. You can also get the medallion "upon application by mail to the same address with a check to the order of Harvard University". There seems to be no New York distribution point. #3.-

The circular is well worth having for your files and I think you would be justified in acquiring one of the medallions.

If I were not right in the midst of spending a lot of money as a "newly wed", I might let my generosity lead me to donating one to the Society but for a while at least "charity begins at home".

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

Sept. 9, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am just up from the country for a day or so. Will write for the circular and probably send for the medal. Much obliged for telling me about this.

Robertson is improving slowly and we should begin to photograph fairly soon.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

October 3, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
259 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

At last we have been able to photograph and I am herewith enclosing the Ethiopian pieces that you want.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
Encl.

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Boston

December 26, 1936

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Here is a really sad piece of news. We have lost our good old friend Wheeler.

Have you been informed how late in the spring he almost completely lost his voice for which reason he did not attend the last meeting or so of our spring series. In the middle of the fall I received a note from him from the veterans home at Castle Point, New York, just above West Point, telling how one of his nephews, a doctor at that station, becoming worried at not hearing from Wheeler, drove with his wife to Boston and (partly I imagine by persuasion and partly by insistence) carried the old gentleman back with them to the veterans home. We had one or two letters from him between then and the date of his decease Sunday, December 20 and I had written him after each Boston meeting this fall so as to let him feel he was in touch with what the Society was doing here.

From his letters I infer he was handicapped vocally but did not suffer much and that as regards the routine of life, diet, etc., he enjoyed great latitude. He wrote me a little note after his Thanksgiving dinner with a number of the doctors on the staff there and maintained a cheerful tone.

Our Secretary, Stafford, whom you remember, called me up this morning saying he had a note from the nephew telling of Wheeler's passing in an entirely peaceful manner, although I have no details. He was buried in that vicinity where I believe others of his family rest.

Stafford and I will try to work up a suitable obituary notice for The Numismatist and I am inclined to send Spink something for their Numismatic Circular. After all, Wheeler was a great force in the Boston society for some 30 years and curiously enough was the only one who had held all offices inthe Society at one time or another.

Instinct told me when I heard from him at the hospital there that

we should probably never see him again in Boston but I hated to think along those lines for his presence meant so much at our meetings and his intelligence and broad knowledge added so much to them that we all dreaded to think ~~along such lines~~ thus.

Sad to say we have been rather hard hit in our membership this year but of course shall do our best to rebuild and keep the flag flying. ~~briefly.~~ We have a meeting Monday, the 28th, and our annual meeting will be, I presume, Monday, January 25th.

It certainly would be splendid if you could find it possible to work in a Boston visit on the latter date the end of January. It is always good to see you here.

Meanwhile do you not have the A. N. S. annual meeting some time in January. It is about time for me to get over to New York again, although I don't know quite when.

With best wishes to all and the Season's greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Shepard Pond

His nephew the doctor, writing Stafford, mentioned BRONCHIECTASIS which I see is a morbid dilation of the bronchial tubes. But I fancy heart failure did it.

December 28, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I am really saddened to hear of Wheeler's death although it is not wholly unexpected. I have not heard from him for some time but then he used to go a long time without writing and only did write when there was something on his mind he wished to take up with me. I am glad he died among friends and was well looked after.

If he still had the amount of books and other things that he used to have his heirs are going to have some sweet job looking them over and disposing of them. He had several valuable collections such as histories of Cambridge and Oxford, England, various forms of shorthand and many publications on old watches. From things he has told me I should judge he was an authority on Oxford and Cambridge as well as Harvard. He had also made a very comprehensive study of the various kinds of shorthand.

There is a likelihood that I may get to Boston at the right time this winter or spring. Our annual meeting comes on Saturday, January 9th, and the club meeting should be on the 8th so you could kill two birds with one stone.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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GBD

Boston December 29, 1936

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for yours of December 28. We had a rather somber meeting last night for we have lost three members at weekly intervals terminating with poor old Wheeler December 20th. We ~~have got to get busy~~ with new recruits. With the great accessions ~~acquisitions~~ to the A.N.A. in recent months, it would seem as if there might be some around Boston that we could work up. Gifford and Stafford and I have been talking it over.

I imagine Wheeler had an uncountable mass of stuff--this from one or two things he let drop in conversation. I never saw his living quarters but remember hearing him speak of books stacked all over the floor. I imagine his nearest relative was his nephew doctor up at the Veterans Hospital there. I don't know whether they took his things along after him or left them in Boston. In fact Wheeler's private life was strictly his own.

The meetings in New York on January 8 and January 9 are certainly a temptation. I'll see what I can do.

It is a pity, isn't it, that Wormser's store was robbed and I do hope he was amply insured.

With best wishes to all at the Museum for a happy and successful new year, as always,

Your friend,

Shepard Pond

December 1

December 29,1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Later on the same day that I received your letter I got one from Mr. Wheeler's nephew. As it may give a little information you did not have otherwise, I am enclosing it.

All local societies have constantly got to bestir themselves in getting a certain amount of new members. We here are constantly losing members through death, removal or lack of interest. I note also at the club there are a good many old timers who gradually are passing on.

I have no idea of what things they took along of W. Wheeler. You will note in the letter the disposal of his coins is mentioned. I suggested Bolender and Elder if he wanted to sell at auction. If you think any of his things would be of interest to Boston members, let me know and I will drop the nephew a line.

I do not know how much insurance Wormser had but insurance is a rather tricky thing, especially with coins. You have to itemize every piece that is lost if you want to recover. Now that the deed is done he is having his safes protected by the Holmes' people. They wrecked his large safe and he had to put a new one. Up to date nothing has been heard from any of his coins.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
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Boston December 31, 1936

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your letter of Dec. 29 and enclosure from Dr. Wheeler. I return his letter and appreciate your permitting me to see it.

Regardingthe disposition of Wheeler's collection, I should suppose auction was "the way out". As a matter of fact I don't know what he had. I never saw his things except as once in a while he would bring something to a meeting. It might be a piece of antique jewelry, an old watch, a coin, or some minor decoration. If I knew what there was available I could give a more intelligent answer as to whether any of the Bostonians would be interested.

For myself, I should very much like to have something that belonged to him as a personal keepsake, regardless of value. As for the decorations, I imagine Gifford would like to have a shot at them. If you ever see a list, it would be nice if you could send it over and let me get in touch with Gifford and see for myself also what there was. I doubt very much if Wheeler had anything else that would appeal to other of our members unless perhaps Stafford, who is interested in Colonial paper money especially and somewhat in old Roman pieces. Almost all the rest of our members are "modernists".

I hope I can get over to New York next weekend. It depends largely on how I recover from a cold I have been suffering from and how the activities of the new year open up. A week later would suit my case much better than January 8th or 9th.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

He has a lot of books. I wonder if he had some on numismatics.

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Boston January 7, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am very sorry to say I shall not be able to make it for this weekend in New York. It is too near the first of the year. If you attend the New York meeting Friday night, give them all my best regards and if there are any of my friends at the Society's meeting Saturday afternoon, please do the same for me.

You may be interested to read the obituary notice I sent Duffield for the Numismatist about Wheeler. I assume it will appear in the February number.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

January 11, 1936

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Very glad to hear from you and sorry not to have seen you here last week. Was much pleased to get your obituary notice of Wheeler.

There seems to be a storm of criticism here over the new Numismatist cover. I have yet failed to find anyone that likes it with the exception of my assistant, Mr. Robertson. He seems to be the only New York champion I have discovered.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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Mr. S. Pond.
GHM

Boston January 12, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for yours of January 11. So New York is up in arms about the new cover for the Numismatist! I have not talked with anyone in Boston but my reaction to it when I opened up the envelope was that it was a decided step downwards--it looked like a cheap publication to me with its meaningless lines all over the front cover.

I thought of writing Duffield but don't feel like stirring up anything.

Someone in responsibility has apparently made a decision,--who I don't know. Probably nothing I would say individually would amount to anything.

Are you in New York thinking of going as far as complaining?

Best regards,

Yours very truly,

Shepard Pond

January 14, 1937

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Your letter at hand. I understand a number in New York have written Duffield that they did not like his cover. I happened to be writing him the other day and I added my comments and criticisms. This is not a slam at Duffield because I understand that Clark suggested it.

I think if you don't like it you might drop him a line as I think it would be best that all of the criticism do not come from New York. Probably they have been coming in throughout the country.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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Boston May 3, 19 37

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Soc.
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Did you read the leading article in the Numismatist for April 1937? You may remember that I have specialized more or less in French numismatics at the time of the French Revolution and Napoleon. It is really painful to see so many errors as there are in this article when it covers that period. To amuse myself I drew off some of the statements and commented on them. Look over the enclosed and return it at your convenience.

I hate to see so much mis-information put out in a magazine such as the Numismatist where I know Durfield is doing so much good and conscientious work. Frankly, I don't know whether to write to him about it or not. I certainly don't want to be a controversialist or get contentious or give the appearance of being super-critical, so I hesitate to start anything, but it does seem a pity that so many mis-statements can be concentrated in one article. Have you any thoughts?

I should dearly love to get over to the meeting Saturday, May 8 but unfortunately it is the birthday of a very close friend who dated my wife and myself up for it a month or more ago, so that's that.

With kindest regards to Noe and awaiting your comments "on my comments", as always,

Sincerely,

Shepard Pond

Had a pleasant call Sunday noon from Warnder & his daughter.

May 13, 1937

Mr. Shepard Pond,
Ivers & Pond Piano Co.,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I have gone over a couple of times your notations and corrections concerning the article that appeared in the April Numismatist.

Your first point about the Bourbons is well taken. You point about the Louis d'or, although all right, I think could be omitted as it is not to my mind sufficiently important. In other words, drive at the really important errors.

#3 I do not think is of enough account to put in as he says "about the size of the silver dollar", which is "about" what it was.

#4 about the livre is all right.

#5 is all right, concerning the sovereign and the guinea; so is #6, about the calendar. #7 is all right, but if one takes into account the small number of these counterstamped pieces seen, I doubt if they are very much of a factor.

As far as #8, many coins were worth far more than their face value. This was a pretty poor thing anyway and I am inclined to think the circulation was never very great.

#9. Of course he is all wrong about the date of the assignats.

#10. He is certainly making an over-statement, as I don't believe the feudal and ecclesiastical coinage cut much ice at that time.

#11. Of course he made a misstatement there.

#12. I do not see how he made the statement that Napoleon started the decimal system. Of course he gave it a big boost.

#13. Don't forget there was an issue of copper 1 centime pieces from 1848 to 51 at various mints. As they are not a rare coin, I should judge that a good many were made.

#14. Like most of the world who have seen a coin of Napoleon, he was puzzled by the Republique Francaise on the back. We get this query fired at us constantly.

#15. I know nothing about whether they called a "Napoleon" a "Louis" but I cannot imagine that they did.

As for sending your comments to the Numismatist, it may not do much good because most readers are not students enough to work their brains very much over history. Yet I am inclined to think I would send in your comments, or at least most of them because when I write anything and get no comments one way or the other from any person or in print, I feel sort of neglected. It is a matter of fact that people think things but say nothing about it. Why not send what you have to say into Duffield and see whether he wants to print it or not.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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May 20, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood
% The American Numismatic ~~Association~~ Society
Broadway-155th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks ever so much for your kind letter of May 13 regarding the Article on French Coins in the April Numismatist.

You certainly caught me fairly on the Copper 1 centime pieces of 1848 to 1852. I have checked up the records and found the coinage by years for that period and there certainly were a lot of them struck--but apparently only at the Paris Mint. The total output in those five years approximated 250,000 francs. They were said to be pure copper although curiously enough Dewamin speaks of them in one place as copper and in another as bronze.

I am sending Duffield some of the high-lights with an explanation that I hesitated to do so for fear of being thought controversial, but felt that he might like to publish it and that I should not feel hurt, if he thought it best not to.

Thanks again for your advice which is always appreciated.

Yours truly,

Howland Wood

CLARENCE H. POND, PRESIDENT

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Boston June 5 1937

Dear Mr. Wood -

The June Numismatist P 518 mentions a list (illustrated) of early mass silver by Wurtzbach. Have you seen it? Is it worth while numismatically? Is it worth the price?

Kindest regards. Will you be in Boston sometime this summer? I shall, all the time. Call in.

Shepard Pond

June 9, 1937

Shepard Pond, Esq.,
258 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

No one at the Society had noticed the paragraph on Hurtzbach's Colonial Silver. I called Noe's attention to it and I think he has now ordered the book. When we receive it, I will let you know what I think of it. I am glad you wrote me about this as it might have gone by us entirely.

I was up in Boston the other day on a hurried trip, then had to go to Brockton and was intending to come in and see you, but I was so long at one place that I had to hustle out to Wellesley to keep a dinner engagement. Will try to do better next time.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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Boston July 19, 1937

Mr. S. Pond
C1N

American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York City, New York

Attention of Mr. Wood:

Gentlemen:

Thanks very much indeed for sending over the bound volume of the Vienna Society. The article that I wanted to see in it was not as serious as I had expected it might be. But I do appreciate your courtesy.

The book is being returned to you today. Many thanks.

Very truly yours,

Shepard Pond

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Mr. S. Pond
CiN

Boston October 6, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have thrust upon me a little job of appraisal of some American coins in an estate here where a friend of mine is executor.

I wonder if you haven't in the library a batch of priced catalogues and price lists which would help me on the following:-

U. S. Gold including a little private gold.

U. S. Cents, both old large coppers and old small cents from the Flying Eagle to the current Lincoln heads.

U. S. subsidary silver--no one dollar pieces but including the old silver 3¢, 5¢, etc. up to one half dollars.

U. S. nickel--3 cent pieces.

In brief any priced catalogues or price lists of, say the last year or year and a half, that would give me actual sales or offerings, would be of inestimable value. I should need them for about a week and shall take great care to deliver them in good condition.

On the strength that you can help me I am enclosing a dollar to help on the shipping charges on this and on other items on which I have imposed on you at times.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

Shepard Pond

Mr Wood Copy Send

Oct. 8, 1937

Mr. Shepard Pond,
258 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

I do not think going through a lot of priced catalogues of recent sales would be the best thing. If I was doing the job, I would take Wayte Raymond's latest Standard Catalogue of the United States and use this. You can do the work quicker and just about as good, if not better, while with catalogues you would have to wade through a lot and probably not find everything you would want. Again, there has been no recent sale that would cover but a very small part of the subject. His 1928 edition is just out, and if you wish I can send you one of these. Using his catalogue, I would cut his prices easily in one half which would be about what the coins would sell for. With some of the very common coins you might figure them at face, especially modern coins.

In your study of the coins of Haiti, have you ever seen or heard of any copper 2 and 1 cents made in 1904? Mint lists state that the Scoville Mfg. Co. made 50,000 of each in that year. The Scoville people have no record of making anything but nickel. The bank of Haiti have no records of any copper coins being delivered to Haiti in the 20th Century so I think this mint record is an error.

I am returning the check as I am sure it cannot be cashed as it is made out to the American Numismatic Association. However, you do not need to send this. Any cost of postage I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Oct. 13, 1937

Mr. Shepard Pond
258 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Many thanks for your letter about Haitian coins. I will steal none of your thunder as I will not include these two pieces in my 20th Century Coins which I am writing up.

We got your wire and sent off immediately Raymond's 20th Century catalogue, which you should have on Monday.

Let me know the date of the Boston Society's meeting as I will try to be up there if I can make it, as I have got to go to Boston sometime about the end of the month.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks